## PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

## Federal and State of Tennessee Primary Rutherford County General August 7, 2008

Notice is hereby given that a State of Tennessee Primary and County General Election will be held in all polling places in Rutherford County, Tennessee on Thursday August 7, 2008, for the purposes of electing party nominees and candidates to the following offices:

United States House of Representative 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
United States Senate
Tennessee State Senate 16<sup>th</sup> District
Tennessee State Representative
34<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, and 62<sup>nd</sup>

**Rutherford County Assessor of Property (4-yr term)** 

**Rutherford County Highway Superintendent (4-yr term)** 

Circuit Court Judge II, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (fill unexpired term, 6 year)

County Road Board Zones 1, 3, 6, 7

County School Board Zones 2, 3, 5, and 6

**Election Day Polling hours** are 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at all polling locations

**Qualifying Deadline:** All petitions required to be filled by candidates in the August Primary election, as well as Independent candidates must be filed no later than April 3, 2008 at 12:00 NOON.

**Withdrawal Deadline** for qualified candidates to withdraw their names from the ballot is Thursday April 10, 2008 at 12:00 NOON. Candidates wishing to withdraw must provide a written request to withdraw signed by the candidate.

**The Last day to register** to vote in person for this election is July 8, 2008. Individuals may register at the Department of Motor Vehicle, Department of Human Services, the Health Department and the Rutherford County Election Office. By mail registration forms may be picked up at the Register of Deeds, County Court Clerk, Public Libraries, Military Recruiting Offices and the Tennessee Department of Veteran Affairs. By mail registration forms must be postmarked by July 8, 2008.

**Deadline to change address**: Voters who have moved within Rutherford County may change their address at the early voting site or contact the Rutherford County Election office by August 2, 2008.

**Electronic voting machine write-in feature:** Any person seeking party nomination by write-in ballots must complete a notice requesting such person's ballots be counted no later than fifty (50) days before the date of the election. Such person shall only have write-in ballots counted if such notice was completed and timely filed with the Rutherford County Election Commission Office, 1 Public Sq. S. Rm. 103, Murfreesboro, Tn. 37130.

**Absentee ballots:** Qualified voters unable to vote early or go to the polls or the Election Office on election day because of sickness, hospitalization, or physical disability, may send a written request for an absentee ballot, along with a physician statement indicating that such person is unable to vote at the polls or the election office not later than five (5) days before the election. The request should be sent to the Rutherford County Election office at which time the individual will be placed on the permanent absentee ballot register. May 9, 2008 is the first day the Rutherford County Election Commission may receive requests and or applications for absentee ballots for this election other than from members of the armed forces, their spouses and overseas voters.

Students, spouses of student, persons temporarily residing outside of Rutherford County, or individuals otherwise qualified, may send a written request for an absentee ballot by July 31, 2008 with the following information:

- Name of registered voter
- Voter's residence address
- Voter's social security number
- Address to mail ballot (outside Rutherford County)
- Election voter wishes to participate in (including party preference)
- Reason for voting absentee
- Signature of voter

**NOTE:** Persons 65 years of age or older may request that an absentee ballot be mailed to their home. This request should be forwarded to the Rutherford County Election Commission no later than July 31, 2008

<u>Military personnel and spouses</u> may send a written request for an absentee ballot not more than ninety days (90) or not later than 7 days before the election.

Absentee ballots delivered to the election office by U.S. Mail or other recognized mail carrier's before the closing of the polls on Election Day will be processed.

The Rutherford County Election Office is located at 1 Public Square S. Rm. 103, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Office hours are 8-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Holidays. Office telephone number is (615) 898-7743. For the hearing impaired, the telephone number is TDD 898-7737. For additional information check out our website at www.rutherfordcounty.org/election.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION JOHN H. TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN DORIS JONES, SECRETARY ROBERT E. ROSE, MEMBER DENICE RUCKER, MEMBER TOM WALKER, MEMBER

ATTEST: H.HOOPER PENUEL, ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS